Clauses 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 passed and 7 read. The subdivision asking for hydrant gates, lanterns, play pipes and nozzles, rubber coats and boots, at a total cost of $370, was passed; and subdivision 2, 3 and 4, asking for additional hose reel, hook and ladder truck and a chemical engine, were on motion, referred back to committee to ascertain cost and report. Clause 8 passed.

Clause 9 read. Ald. Starrow moved, seconded by Ald. Skinner, that the clause be struck out. Lost. and a motion adopting the clause passed, with the addition of the names of Ald. O'Meara and Hewitt to the committee, empowered to sell the horses.

THE GAS CONTRACT.

On motion of Ald. Stringer and Hunt, No. 3 Committee was empowered to ascertain the cost of lighting the city streets either by gas or electricity and report to the Council.

LONDON WEST TROUBLES.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. W. H. Bartram, S. Gibson, R. Hadden, J. Brodie, H. Emigh, R. A. Jones, R. Gash, R. Stinchcombe, W. Griffiths, J. Ackland, Thos. McGoey, J. Shupe, Joseph Andrews, and others from London West, appeared.

Mr. W. H. Bartram addressed the Council on his own and on behalf of other London West residents, whose lives and property were now jeopardized by imminent flood. He asked that the water gates at the waterworks dam be opened in order to lessen the danger by aiding in carrying down the ice.

The Engineer was heard.

On motion of Ald. Hunt and Skinner the matter was referred to No. 2 Committee.

A SHOW ON WHEELS.

On motion the Toronto City Bicycle Club was granted permission to close the exhibition grounds gates from 1 to 6 p. m. on May 24.

Account John Law for dog checks, $5.98, ordered to be paid.

REPORT No. 2 COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hewitt, chairman: 1. Passage of pay sheets, $449.13; Moses Cox, on Park avenue, sewer, $132 80; Jas. McConnell blacksmithing, $23.85; Isaac Crouse, Victoria Bridge, $352.42.

2. That the City Council pass a bylaw under the provision of the Ontario Tree Planting Act of 1883, granting a bonus of 25 cents for each tree planted in accordance with the city by-laws, regulating boulevards, and that the park caretaker be appointed inspector of trees under said act.

3. We suggest that the chairman of No. 3 Committee instruct the city electrician to raise the time ball, if in his opinion it will not interfere with his present duties. Adopted.

Ald. Stringer moved, and Ald. Niven seconded, that No. 2 Committee make application to No. 1 Committee for the funds necessary to put the interior of the City Hall in a proper condition; also to provide requisites for the Mayor's office.

KENSINGTON BRIDGE.

Ald. Hunt moved and Ald. Skinner seconded that the Chairman of the Joint Committee be requested to withhold his signature from the contract for rebuilding Kensington bridge.

Moved by Ald. Scarrow, seconded by Ald. Niven, that London East be granted water at one and one-third rates for a period of ten years. The necessary agreement to be made by No. 2 Committee and the Commissioners, and submitted to Council before final adoption. Matters of particulars to be definitely settled before said offer be binding on the City of London. Carried.

THIRD REPORT OF NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, chairman. 1. Payment of the following accounts: Hospital—James Campbell, $265; James Cassidy, $31; Fire Department pay sheet, $323 31. No. 2 Committee—Pay sheet to Feb. 14, $141 89; to Feb. 21, $178 ; to Feb. 28, $129 52; W. H. & C. R. Smith, $15 90, Isaac Crouse, $352 42; J. McConnell, $23 85; Moses Cox, $132 50. Coroners' inquests—Dr. Smith, $2; Dr. Waugh, $20; auditors' salaries to Dec. 31, 1883, $250; Bell Telephone Company, $11 45; cob to ice jam, $2; deputation to Toronto, $20; County Middlesex—Jury expenses, $1,822 41. Total, $4,692 97.

2. Petition of Timothy Hanafin for tax remission for 1883, granted.

3. That petition of Miss Christie for remission of taxes on property occupied by Newsboy's Home be granted by allowing a rebate of half the taxes for 1883.

4. That the petition of H. E. Nelles for remission of arrears of taxes on part of lots 29 and 31, north side of York street, claiming an error of the late Treasurer and producing affidavits, be granted, and the claim against said lots be struck off.

5. Petition of C. J. Anderson, error in sewer rate, be allowed and the sum of $4 16 be collected; and your committee beg to recommend that the City Clerk be requested to note this and all similar corrections on the several bylaws authorizing the collection of sewer rates.

6. The petition of the Huron & Middlesex Insurance Company, per W. W. Fitzgerald, be granted an taxes struck off.

7. Petition of Leonard Ardel, error in arrears of taxes be allowed and charge struck off.

8. Petitions of W. H. Bartlett, for tax remission, and Wm. Hockin, error in assessment, be filed.

9. Communications of Pratt & Tracy re municipal handbook; City Clerk Hamilton re Police Commissioners, and P. C. Ross, soliciting advertisements, be filed.

10. Progress in petitions of J. H. Flock, Alex. Harvey, Jane Insell, Ellen Fletcher, I. Lloyd, M. Donnelly, Ann Brandon, J. Ryan, Mrs. Ross and Mrs. Camberledge.

11. Progress in the accounts of A. O. Graydon, S. F. Peters re bridge arbitration.

12. Auditors' report for the year 1883 received and adopted.

PUGILISTIC.

Ald. Stringer then moved, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the exhibition to be given in the City Hall next Wednesday is an offence against one of the city bylaws (page 20, clause 6) which prohibits any exhibition of an immoral character taking place inside the city limits.

Lost on the following division: Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, Beattie and Stringer; Nays—Hunt, O'Meara, Cowan, Skinner, Hewitt, Scarrow and Niven.

Ald. Birrell took the chair.

A SPECIAL RELIEF GRANT.

On motion of Mayor Hyman, seconded by Ald. Hunt, the 84th rule of order was suspended.

The Mayor moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that $200 be paid by the City Treasurer to the manager of the soup-kitchen, and also that a vote of thanks be tendered the Y. M. C. A. and the ladies who have so faithfully labored in carrying out this laudable scheme of relief. The Mayor said the kitchen had been a great saving to the corporation, and that it cost $2 in cash to run it besides, all the gratuitous offerings of produce, etc. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Hunt, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that his Worship the Mayor be requested to so arrange the hours during which Municipal Offices are open daily, Sundays excepted, that they shall remain open from the hour of opening to the hour closing without intermission. Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

By Ald. O'Meara—That the motion granting water to London East at 1½ rate be reconsidered.

Ald. Beattie—That hereafter city officials be elected by ballot.

WOOD FOR RELIEF.

Mayor Hyman reported verbally that the wood contract had been awarded Mr. Geo. McNeil at $5 50 per cord. Report confirmed.

Adjourned for two weeks.

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, March 17th, 1884.

The Board of Aldermen met 17th March, 1884. Present — Mayor Hyman, Ald. Birrell, Hunt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Skinner, Hewitt, Stringer, Scarrow, Niven, Becher, and A. S. Abbott, city clerk.

Mayor Hyman said he had seen in the morning and evening editions of the city papers rumors in reference to the buying of part of the Great Western by the C. V. R. He said he had at once telegraphed to Mr. White, manager of the C. V. R., and the latter replied that there was no truth whatever in the report published.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

A deputation consisting of Judge Elliot, Rev. Father Cornyn, Dr. Brown and T. Macbeth, appeared on behalf of the Free Public Library Board, respecting the purchase of a site. It had been thought prudent to ask the Council in the first instance for the grant of a free site on some property over which the Council had absolute control. Their board was almost unanimous that the Mechanics' Institute building would not suit. Judge Elliot said he was not authorized to say that a site on the Victoria Park, even if it were granted, would be used. All they had to do was to ask permission to occupy a site on the park.

Rev. Father Cornyn thought himself that the park site was probably the best that could be selected. He believed that in the near future Victoria Park would be most convenient and centrally located as to population. A proper building would make the park even more attractive than at present.

Ald. Birrell moved that the Council refuse to grant any portion of the park for a Free Library site. He said the park was established for use solely as a park. Ald. Skinner seconded.

The Mayor said he had received a letter from the City Solicitor, stating that before the Council could take any action the sanction of the Dominion Government would have to be secured.

Ald. Cowan said the nature of the deed precluded the use of part of the park for this purpose, and besides this it would be childish now to ask the Government for power to grant the request of the deputation, thus altering the original intention for which the ground was secured.

Ald. Stringer, on behalf of the southern portion of the city, protested that to put the library on the park would not be central. The people had, by a large vote, gone in for the leasing of a library, and they would have to foot the bill of costs.

Ald. Skinner coincided with Ald. Stringer as to the position of the site, and suggested one on the Central School ground at the corner of King and Colborne streets, which he thought would be the best in the city. Such an elaborate building would not be required there as on Victoria Park, owing the surroundings. He thought the library should not be started in an elaborate fashion. He believed that many who, last election, voted for the bylaw would now vote against it if they had an opportunity. He had thought the Mechanics' Institute building might have been refitted.

The motion was carried on the following division: Yeas—Ald. Birrell, Hunt, O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Skinner, Hewitt, Stringer, Niven and Becher. Nays—Ald. Scarrow.

COMMUNICATIONS.

For tax remission etc., John Donovan, George Edmestone, Charles Bricklin, Mrs. T. Lawrason, Ed. Gillett, Mrs. Hyde and the Y. M. C. A., C. J. Adamson and Christopher Greason.—No. 1.

J. W. Martin—Asking a street lamp opposite the Martin House on King street. No. 3.

J. H. Flock and the City Solicitor—Re-plan of of certain property of Gen. Renwick's. Filed.

F. Hoskins and others—Asking that a policeman be stationed on South Maitland to preserve order there. Police Commissioners.

A. Douglas and others—For a sewer on Talbot, between Bathurst and Horton, No. 2.

Henry Colerick—Asking to be indemnified for the breaking of a window. No. 2, with power.

T. E. O'Callaghan—Claiming $6 damages to his fence by snowplough. No. 2.

Bill No. 94, re egress from from public buildings, referred to Com. No. 2.

Capt. Jessie Hall—Asking use of City Hall for Sunday afternoon and evening services of Salvation Army.

Ald. Hunt and Ald. Skinner—That the army be granted the hall for Sunday afternoon and evening when not required for other purposes, on payment of current expenses, gas to be turned off at 10 p.m.

Ald. Becher and Cowan—An amendment that the hall be granted to the army on Sunday afternoons only, until further notice, when the hall is not otherwise required.

The motion of Ald. Hunt was carried on a vote of 6 to 5.

FIFTH REPORT OF NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hunt, chairman.

1. That a new platform scale to weigh 2,400 lbs. be purchased for the weigh scale office, the present one to be taken in part payment.

2. That four automatic fire escapes be purchased at a cost of $12 for the fire department.

3. Bylaw respecting the storage of gunpowder and other explosives.

4. That the petition of Mrs. McHugh be filed.

5. That the offer of the City Gas Company to give the option of gas for street lamps and other municipal buildings as follows be accepted: To light the street lamps as at present for $20 per lamp per annum, or to supply the gas to the burner, and the city to do the lighting, cleaning, repairing, etc., for $15 per lamp per annum, but in the event of the City Council desiring the lamps lit every night and all night, excepting three nights during full moon, they (the Gas Company) will do the same for $25 per lamp per annum, but in the event of the city doing the lighting, cleaning and repairing, they will supply the gas to the burner for $19 per lamp per annum, the price of gas for municipal buildings to be $1 50 per 1,000 feet as heretofore. This contract to remain in force for a period of five years, and at no time during that period shall the city light less than 350 lamps, but shall have the option of increasing that number at the same rate per lamp if they see fit to do so.